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SUBJECT: MEETING OF NEA STEERING COMMITTEE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY

1. SUMMARY: U.S. PARTICIPATED IN NEA STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING FOR FIRST TIME AS FULL MEMBER, OCT. 14, 1976. COMMITTEE APPROVED PROPOSALS FOR DRAGON PROJECT HISTORY AND SUSPENSION OF NEA SECURITY CONTROL. PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH CONSULTATION AND SURVEILLANCE MECHANISM FOR SEA DUMPING OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE APPROVED ON INTERIM BASIS. A REVISED DOCUMENT WILL BE PRESENTED TO COMMITTEE AT NEXT MEETING, APRIL 28. PROGRAM FOR MERGER OF COMPUTER PROGRAM LIBRARY AND NEUTRON DATA COMPILATION CENTER NOT ACCEPTED. PROPOSED MERGER WILL BE RAISED AGAIN AT NEXT MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. NEA STEERING COMMITTEE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY MET IN UNCLASSIFIED

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PARIS ON OCT. 14, 1976. U.S. PARTICIPATED FOR FIRST

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TIME AS FULL MEMBER. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES PRESENTED TO COMMITTEE ARE DISCUSSED IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE ON AGENDA.

3. ITEM 2: U.S. PARTICIPATION IN AGENCY. APPROVED WITH COURTESY COMMENTS PROVIDED BY DELEGATES OF ECC, JAPAN, CANADA, AUSTRIA, SWEDEN AND FINLAND.

4. ITEM 4: FUTURE OF COMPUTER PROGRAM LIBRARY (CPL) AND NEUTRON DATA COMPILATION CENTER (CCDN). STEERING COMMITTEE UNABLE TO ARRIVE AT UNANIMOUS DECISION, THUS, SEPARATE OPERATION OF CPL AND CCDN WILL CONTINUE. FUTHER REVIEW TO BE UNDERTAKEN WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH AMALGAMATION DURING 1977 WOULD BE TAKEN AT NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING. PRINCIPAL OBJECTION TO MERGER RAISED BY ECC AND ITALIAN DELEGATES (LOCATION OF COMBINED CENTER AT SACLAY WOULD MEAN LOSS OF 12 POSITIONS AT ECC'S ISPRA LABORATORY IN ITALY.) OTHER DELEGATES OFFERED SUPPORT FOR PROPOSAL BUT QUESTIONED BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS.

5. ITEM 5: TERMINAL ACTIVITIES OF OECD DRAGON PROJECT. STEERING COMMITTEE AGREED ON GENERAL OUTLINE OF PROPOSAL AND DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE ON COMMISSIONING DRAGON HISTORY. NEED FOR OUTSIDE REPRESENTATION ON JURY (RAISED BY U.S. DELEGATE) WAS AGREED TO WITH SELECTION TO BE DISCUSSED AT REXT COMMITTEE MEETING.

6. ITEM 6: SUSPENSION OF NEA SECURITY CONTROL. SUSPENSION OF NEA SECURITY CONTROL OPERATIONS ADOPTED BUT SUBJECT TO REMAIN UNDER REVIEW IN EVENT OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN EXISTING SITUATION. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS BY U.S. DELEGATE, CURRENT SITUATION WAS DETERMINED TO BE AS FOLLOWS: NO FISSIONABLE MATERIAL EXCLUSIVELY UNDER NEA CONTROL. MATERIAL COVERED EITHER BY EURATOM, NPT OR IAEA SAFEGUARD SYSTEMS. ADDITIONALLY ALL THREE NEA PROJECTS ARE IN NPT COUNTRIES, CONSEQUENTLY, ANY RETRANSFER OF FISSIONABLE MATERIAL WOULD BRING ARTICLE III OF NPT INTO FORCE (I.E. IAEA SAFEGUARDS).
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7. ITEM 7: RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT. THERE WAS BROAD CONSENSUS AND AGREEMENT WITH SCOPE OF NEA PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATION AND SURVEILLANCE MECHANISM FOR SEA DUMPING OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE. A NEED FOR FURTHER REFINEMENT, HOWEVER, WAS EXPRESSED BY MANY DELEGATES. THIS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY RECONVENING THE ORIGINAL WORKING PARTY IN

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FEBRUARY TO INCORPORATE COMMENTS PROVIDED AT THE MEETING AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE IAEA AND THE OECD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE WHO WILL HAVE CONSIDERED THE SITUATION IN THE INTERIM. REVISED PROPOSAL WILL BE PRESENTED AT NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING. THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT ANY NEA COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN FUTURE DUMPING PROGRAMS WILL OPERATE PROVISIONALLY ON THE CONCEPTS AND PROCEDURES CONTAINED IN THE DRAFT DECISION. THIS IN EFFECT REMOVES ALL ACTIVITIES IN SEA DUMPING FROM UNDER NEA AUSPICES. PREVIOUSLY NEA NOT ONLY ORGANIZED THE OPERATIONS BUT HAD A RESPONSIBLE OFFICER ON BOARD SHIP).

8. ITEM 9: NEA PROGRAM ON NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE. REPORT NE(76)20, WAS PRESENTED BY SECRETARIAT. KELLEY (IEA) STATED THAT IEA MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN NUCLEAR AREA, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE ORGANIZATION WAS NOT COMMITTED TO NUCLEAR, BUT RATHER TO REDUCED DEPENDENCY. HE ESTIMATED THAT PROJECTED NUCLEAR CAPACITY OF 330 GIGAWATTS IN 1985 EQUIVALENT TO 6.5 MILLION BARRELS OF OIL A DAY. IEA WILL AVOID DUPLICATION OF NEA EFFORTS. U.S. DELEGATE (KRATZER) STATED THAT HE REGARDED IEA AS THE PROPER FORUM FOR POLICY ANALYSES IN USING NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR REDUCING OIL DEPENDENCY. IEA WAS ALSO THE ORGANIZATION FOR ESTABLISHING GROUPS FOR IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS LEADING TO THIS OBJECTIVE, HOWEVER, THE U.S. WAS ALSO SENSITIVE TO THE PROBLEM OF AVOIDING DUPLICATION AND WOULD WORK TO DO SO.

9. NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 28, 1977. KATZ UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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